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Public Scoping Period for Southern HDs Landscape Restoration Project

Bayfield, Colo., September 10, 2020 – The San Juan National Forest’s Columbine Ranger District invites your input on a proposal for the Southern HDs Landscape Restoration Project. You can participate in the planning process by sharing suggestions for how to make the project better, specific concerns, or information you may have about the project area. A public scoping period is open until October 13, 2020.

The proposed activities are to manage vegetation using methods like prescribed burning, small-scale tree thinning, public fuelwood sales, mowing, or targeted livestock grazing. The proposal also includes the possible designation of one proposed fire control line as a motorized OHV trail.

The main purpose of these treatments would be to restore the land to more favorable vegetation conditions and reduce risk from wildfire. The project covers approximately 34,000 acres and is located south of Highway 160 in the HD Mountains southeast of Bayfield, CO. This project would complete the analysis and authorization for restoration of all USFS lands in the HDs.

You can view a scoping notice including a map, and provide input on-line at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58742>. There will be additional opportunities for input as the planning process continues, but early participation is encouraged.

For more information, please contact the Columbine Ranger District at (970) 884-2512.

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